

Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph starting at page 10, line 9, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- In FIG. 1, a fuel cell system is shown incorporating a fuel cell unit 1 and a fuel preparation unit 14. The fuel cell unit 1 has an anode gas supply 2, an anode exhaust-gas line 3 as well as a cathode gas supply 4 and a cathode exhaust-gas line 5. An electrical consumer 6 is shown as a load resistor 6. Furthermore, a current measuring device 7 as well as a voltage measuring device 8 for measuring a corresponding operating parameters of the fuel cell unit 1 are shown. --